

# LETAC Progress Report:

## Where are we now? Where are we heading?

**Purpose.** Formed by City Council, the purpose of the Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Commission (LETAC) is to make recommendations to Council to promote improved understanding and relationships between the Colorado Springs Police Department and the public. LETAC does not have oversight over CSPD, nor does LETAC investigate police-involved incidents or propose actions against department personnel. Visit [Law Enforcement Transparency and Accountability Commission | Colorado Springs](#) to see complete statements of LETAC's mission and goals, as well as the ordinance that authorized its formation.

**Where are we now?** LETAC has concluded its “Listening and Learning” phase during which four broad topics were identified for preliminary exploration. These are:

- *Communications between CSPD and citizens*
- *Racial Bias*
- *Crisis Response Teams*
- *Use of Force*

**LETAC regular meetings are:**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month, 6-8 PM.  
[Click to Join Meeting\(link is external\)](#)  
via Microsoft Teams.  
Telephone: 720-617-3426  
Conference ID: 629 946 63#

In addition to its regular meetings, LETAC periodically hosts **listening sessions** for members of the public to comment on any/all aspects of public safety and policing. With recent adjustments in COVID restrictions, the Commission has returned to regular in-person meetings in City Hall (Commissioners and the public may still attend/observe remotely.)

**The primary focus of the June 7 and 21 meetings was Use of Force. LETAC is also now considering a recommendation to City Council regarding Crisis Response Teams.**

- June marked **the conclusion of the ‘listening and learning’ phase** LETAC began in January to explore these four topics as they relate to public safety and policing in Colorado Springs: Communication, Racial Bias, Crisis Response Teams, and Use of Force. LETAC has entered a time of decision-making about which of these topics to explore more deeply and when and whether to make recommendations as per our founding ordinance to City Council.
- On June 7, CSPD continued its presentation on **Use of Force**, focusing on training of both new recruits and incumbent officers. The June 21 session focused on accountability. This concludes CSPD's series of presentations on use of force, which spanned several regular LETAC meetings in May and June. Given the ongoing audit of CSPD's use of force by Transparency Matters LLC, LETAC has tabled recommendations for this topic until the review's results are available, likely toward the end of this calendar year.
- On June 7, LETAC began a reconsideration of the City's use of **Crisis Response Teams**. In Colorado Springs, this approach to calls- for-service involving mental/behavioral health, substance abuse, and similar concerns is interdisciplinary and interdepartmental in nature, with participation by CSPD, the Fire Department, and Diversus Health. Commissioners are seeking answers to additional questions regarding funding and staffing of existing CRTs in preparation for a discussion about possible recommendations to City Council. On June 21, Commissioners formally agreed to pursue a recommendation to expand the use of **Crisis Response Teams**.

**Where are we headed?** At the July 6 meeting, LETAC will consider the scope and content of a recommendation on Crisis Response Teams. It is likely the Commission will have a draft to discuss and may be prepared to vote on a final version. This would be LETAC's first formal recommendation to City Council. LETAC will also hear an update regarding planning for in-person listening sessions this summer. The Commission will do some planning for future agenda items.